

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
IPC 7    H04L29/06    H04L12/58    H04L12/14    H04L12/56

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**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

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1. claims: 1-35,42

Authentication scheme to inhibit sending of unsolicited emails via a data transmission network

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2. claims: 36-41

Providing an email service to a user not having prearranged access at a bandwidth

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